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In re Application of:)

Akira ASAKURA et al.)

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For: **NOVEL ALCOHOL/ALDEHYDE
DEHYDROGENASES**

New York, New York
July 2, 2008

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INCLUDING AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Mail Stop AF
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed January 3, 2008, which set a three-month shortened statutory period for response. A three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action is hereby requested. Accordingly, this response is filed timely upon mailing, with an executed certificate of mailing, on or before July 3, 2008. 37 CFR §§ 1.8 and 1.136. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$1,050.00 to cover the fee for the extension of time. 37 CFR § 1.17. Please charge any required extension-of-time fees, or any other fees, not otherwise paid by check to Deposit Account No. 02-4467. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.



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Because the Office Action made the rejection of the pending claims final, consideration of this response pursuant to the expedited procedure for response after final rejection set forth in MPEP § 714.13 (8th Ed., Rev. 5, Aug. 2006, pp. 700-261 to 700-262) respectfully is solicited.

Please amend the application as follows:

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION: None.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS: begin on page 3 of this paper.

REMARKS begin on page 7 of this paper.